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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility patent application entitled "Method for Blocking Denial of Service and Address Spoofing Attacks on a Private Network" by Dennis Cox and Kip McClanahan, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, line 1 before "TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following: